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In re Application of:)	Conf. No.: 4631
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TADASHI FUJII et al)	Art Unit: 1791
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Appln. No.: 10/591,058)	Examiner: BRIAN R. SLAWSKI
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

The Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed February 20, 2009, largely in the nature of a restriction requirement on the basis of purported lack of unity of invention. Applicants reply below.

First, however, acknowledgement by the PTO of the receipt of applicants' papers filed under Section 119 is noted.

Restriction has been required among what the PTO deems as being three separate inventions which are said to

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lack unity of invention. As applicants must make an election even though the requirement is traversed, applicants hereby respectfully and provisionally elect Group I, presently claims 1-6 and 13-16, with traverse and without prejudice.

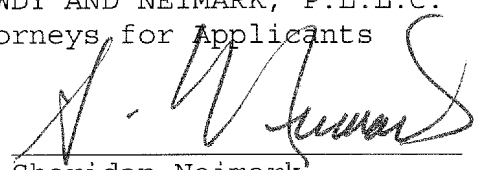
Applicants submit that there is no lack of unity of invention between Group I and Group II, but only a difference in scope, and the subject matter shared by claims 1 and 7 goes beyond anything disclosed or made obvious by JP '119. As regards Group III, these claims call for the apparatus for carrying out the method of Groups I and II, and again the shared subject matter is not anticipated or made obvious by the prior art, insofar as is known. Accordingly, the claims meet the requirements for unity of invention of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2.

Therefore, the requirement should be withdrawn and all the claims examined on the merits, and such are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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